



**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY**  
**Department of Development Services – Building Development Division**

**NEW STRUCTURES AND ADDITIONS**  
**COMMERCIAL PLANS CHECKLIST**

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PROJECT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**Lead Designer Certification**

All members of the Design Team have reviewed the Quality Control Checklist, and I have accurately completed the Checklist on behalf of the Design Team to the best of my knowledge.

Name:	Date:
Phone:	Email:
Signature: <input type="checkbox"/> <i>By checking this box, I agree to electronically signing this form.</i>	

**Other Contacts:** *To ensure the customer's project team (i.e., tenant, building owner; contractor; permit expeditor) receives automated email notices, please complete and submit the [Contact Information Form](#) which can be found at [www.pwcgov.org/BDForms](http://www.pwcgov.org/BDForms)*

This Checklist provides the minimum essential building code information required on plans prior to submission of the Building Permit Application. Providing all the information listed will support positive communication between the designers and plan reviewers, which will expedite the overall review process.

**ADDRESSING**

- Provide a copy of the Architectural Plan for a quick review to the GIS Counter Staff for address verification purposes only. The GIS Counter Staff may make copies before returning them to the customer. This verification is only verifying the location of the building to ensure its correct location. This is the first step before submitting your plans to the DS Plan Intake Counter.
- Submit two copies of the Address Validation with the ADR Plan Number provided by the GIS Office with the permit application.
- Submit one partial set of plans for GIS's review in addition to the two complete sets to the Development Services Plan Intake Staff. The partial set for GIS must include **the cover page, layout page showing all floors, the building entrances, sprinkler control room exterior doors, and the interior suite entrances.** GIS Staff checks for correct street addresses and suite/unit numbers for single and multi-tenant buildings/shopping centers/condos/apartments, city, state, zip code, lot number, etc...
- Show the complete address and suite numbers (if applicable) on the Cover Page and in the Title Blocks of the "A" sheets of the Architectural Plans (if applicable). The complete address should include address number, street name, street type, city, state, zip code and any suite or unit numbers associated with the building(s). You may contact the GIS Office Staff at 703-792-6840 to verify the correct information before adding it to your plan.
- If you have a multi-tenant commercial space such as apartments or condos, it is very important to show all of the unit numbers that are assigned by the PWC DOIT GIS Division. You may have **one page** of the Architectural Plan showing the typical addressing diagram and building address table for the apartments, sprinkler rooms, electrical rooms, garages, maintenance shed and the clubhouse.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- The full name and complete address of the proposed project.
- Completed [Building Permit Application](#) for each structure, including retaining walls, dumpster enclosures, etc.
- Pay the Filing Fee at the time of submission of the Building Permit Application. The Filing Fee is calculated at 35% of Building Permit Fee (*NOTE: Refer to the approved [Building Development Fee Schedule](#) for the Building Permit Fee Calculation*)
- Submit two sets of plans for Building Development Review. Minimum paper size 24" x 30". Minimum drawing scale 1/8" = 1'.
- Submit completed Shell Building Application Form for approval if applicable: Refer to Building Development Policy 1.5. [Commercial Partial Permitting Process for Shell Buildings.](#)
- Provide one additional set of plans to the Health Department for review if required; *e.g. food prep area.* Projects for new construction, remodeling, expansion, or changing of equipment for Public Swimming Pools, Restaurants and any projects with foodservice facilities, require a separate permit application to the Consumer Services Division of the Prince William Health District, 8470 Kao Circle, Manassas, VA 20110 Phone 703-792-6310.
- Verify that all Designers of Record have sealed, signed, and dated the plans in accordance with Building Development Policy 1.11. [Registered Design Professional Sealing of Plans](#) and Code of Virginia 54.1.402.

- Submit one copy of the current civil site plan as submitted to [Land Development Division](#) of the [Department of Development Services](#) showing all utilities; dimensioned distances to public way, property lines and adjacent buildings; building height and area, fire walls; # stories or mezzanine; finish floor elevation; and exits.
- Energy compliance for all disciplines must use the same standard, IECC or ASHRAE

**ARCHITECTURAL**

Sheet #	Code Analysis:
	1. Provide two complete sets of all plans in accordance with the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code. On the Plan Coversheet, list the codes used for project design. Please see the <a href="#">VUSBC webpage</a> to determine the codes and code year.
	2. Use Group per Chapter 3; Construction Type per Chapter 6
	3. Building Height; Building Square Foot Area
	4. Building height and area calculations with all allowable modifications per Chapter 5
	5. Occupant load including employees calculated on square foot area per Chapter 10
	6. Number of exits required and provided per Chapter 10
	7. Compliance with Mixed Occupancy Use and requirements and design method per Chapter 5
	8. Whether or not the building is fire suppressed and supervised/monitored per Chapter 9
	9. Incidental Uses and Accessory Occupancies compliance with Chapter 5.
	<b>Architectural Plans, Elevations, Sections, Details:</b>
	10. Label all rooms with names.
	11. Number all doors.
	12. Provide a complete door Schedule including door number, size, type, latching, closers, hardware and fire rating in hours. <i>Note: Security hardware systems designed to interface with fire alarm systems will require a Fire Protection Permit.</i>
	13. Show the locations of all fire rated assemblies with the UL design numbers on plan.
	14. State all materials used for construction to meet the requirements of Chapter 6 based on Construction Type.
	15. Provide on the roof plan: the roof slope, high points, low points, and the location of drains.
	16. State on the plans the dimensions of corridors and aisle widths.
	17. Provide story above grade details.
	18. Show on all plans systems furniture or shelving layout as appropriate to show egress.
	19. Provide floor plans and elevations for racking systems showing egress and clearance for sprinkler systems. Provide classification of materials stored.
	20. Show on the plans interior finishes; flame spread/smoke developed index.
	21. Provide details of all ramps and stairs with required handrails, guardrails and landings.
	22. Provide floor elevations with changes in floor level.
	23. Coordinate the electrical plan showing lighted exit signs, interior and exterior, normal and emergency.
	<b>Fire rated construction:</b>
	24. Locate fire resistive rated construction including firewalls on architectural plans.
	25. Locate firewalls on civil drawings.
	26. Reference UL Directory (or other) design numbers; key into Partition Types.
	27. Incorporate UL Directory (or other) referenced tested fire-rated assemblies directly onto reproducible original drawings.
	28. Provide section details of rated construction showing compliance including continuity and supporting construction where applicable.
	29. When roof system penetrates fire barrier, provide details to maintain the continuity of the fire barrier.
	30. Document the hazard classification; commodity classification; storage systems and arrangements, including fixed rack storage, dimensions of rack/shelving, spacing between aisles, etc.

Sheet #	<b>Accessibility requirements per ICC/ANSI A117.1:</b>
	31. Show all Wheelchair Turning Space, Clear Floor Space, Knee and Toe Clearance.
	32. Show all base and wall cabinet heights per Reach Ranges.
	33. Show all maneuvering clearances at doors per Accessible Routes.
	34. Show all toilet room clearances and equipment locations per Plumbing Elements and Facilities.
	35. Provide counter and work surface heights per Built-in Furnishings and Equipment.
	36. Specify Pictograms per ICC/ANSI A117.1.

## STRUCTURAL

**Note: All plans, technical reports and calculations shall bear the original seal, signature and date of a registered design professional.**

Sheet #	<b>General:</b>
	1. Provide two copies of Geotechnical reports.
	2. Provide two sets of structural calculations.
	3. State on the plans the frame reactions at the base of all pre-fabricated structures. The values stated shall be those used by the SER to design the support for the pre-fabricated structure.
	4. Provide general design requirements including ground snow load, wind and seismic design data, soil bearing value, soil lateral pressure value.
	5. Provide notes on structural materials used.
	6. Provide structural design and support calculations for racking systems in compliance with RMI/ANSI MH 16.1.
	<b>Foundation:</b>
	7. Provide complete foundation plans with cross sections and details.
	8. Provide anchor bolt details, embedment length, size and spacing.
	9. Provide all hairpin details where applicable.
	<b>Floor:</b>
	10. Provide cross-sections and details.
	11. Provide complete floor framing plans for all levels including: the top of floor elevation; the size and spacing of joists and beams. Specify the joist manufacturer where applicable.
	<b>Roof:</b>
	12. Provide complete roof framing plans, including bearing elevations. Provide size and spacing of rafters, joists and trusses. Specify the joist manufacturer where applicable.
	13. Show design loads for top and bottom chords of roof trusses.
	14. Provide location of rooftop mechanical equipment with dimensions and weight. Provide cross sections and details.
	15. Provide the location of all mechanical equipment and provide dimension and weight for each.
	16. Provide the locations and structural details pertaining to the structural components of mechanical equipment, hanging transformers, hanging mechanical equipment, sprinkler feed/cross mains, large suspended electrical troughs/conduits/busways, etc.
	<b>Shop drawings:</b>
	17. Provide two copies of approved shop drawings for pre-fabricated structures, tilt-up panels, pre-stressed members, pre-cast members, roof trusses/joists and floor trusses/joists.
	<b>Special Inspection Requirements (When applicable per VUSBC):</b>
	18. Provide a <a href="#">Statement of Special Inspections</a> , prepared by the Registered Design Professional in Responsible Charge (RDPRC), per County requirement in accordance with VUSBC.

**MECHANICAL**

Sheet #	General:
	1. Provide ventilation calculations, including occupancy and the intended use of each space.
	2. Provide Mechanical Equipment Schedules, including supply CFM, outdoor air CFM, cooling capacity (total and sensible), heating capacity (input and output), type of fuel, efficiency rating, and equipment weight.
	3. Provide required access, ladders and guards for rooftop equipment, where applicable.
	4. Provide means for make-up and combustion air for all fuel-fired equipment.
	5. Provide details for boilers (low water cut-off, pressure relief, pressure gauges, blow down tank, expansion tanks, and piping). (NOTE: All commercial boilers 200mbh and greater shall be inspected by the Virginia Department of Labor & Industry.)
	<b>International Energy Code:</b>
	6. Provide heat loss / heat gain calculations
	7. Provide exterior envelope worksheet (e.g., ComCheck).
	8. Provide R-values of all insulation in exterior construction components (e.g., walls, floors, roof and perimeter insulation).
	<b>Duct Systems:</b>
	9. Show the location of all mechanical systems' supply registers, return grilles, outdoor air intakes, exhaust, and all duct sizes. Maintain required clearances for intake/exhaust.
	10. Show CFM at each supply outlet, return, and exhaust grille.
	11. Provide shop drawings on commercial hoods with dimensions, weights, material, make-up and exhaust air. Provide drawing details of hood exhaust duct from the hood to the exterior termination.
	12. Show required fire dampers, smoke dampers, and ceiling radiation dampers. (As per the listing of the Fire Rated Assemblies)
	<b>Smoke Evacuation Systems:</b>
	13. Provide plans per IBC and IMC. Please refer to <a href="#">Special Inspections Manual</a> , for more information.
	<b>Refrigeration Equipment:</b>
	14. Provide equipment list and BTUs for each, system classification, refrigerant type, pounds of refrigerant.
	15. Show location and detail of refrigeration equipment and required clearances for equipment located on roof.
	16. Provide piping materials and methods to comply with IMC.
	<b>Gas:</b>
	17. Gas piping riser diagram and floor plan with fully developed length, design pressure of gas, CFH or MBH of each appliance, specific gravity, pressure drop and the type of gas piping with the correct sizing per IFGC.
	18. Provide listing and labeling for appliances.

**PLUMBING AND ACCESSIBILITY – VUSBC, IPC, ICC/ANSI**

Sheet #	Item
	1. Show all plumbing facilities and label with restroom dimensions to scale.
	2. Water closets, lavatories, drinking fountain and a service sink are required for all uses.
	3. Plumbing floor plans and riser diagrams for all new plumbing fixtures, including sanitary, water and storm piping with fixture identification and complete pipe sizing.
	4. Identify backflow protection and other water control devices required on equipment.
	5. Coordinate points of connection between new plans and site plans.
	6. The plumbing floor plan and riser diagram shall indicate the type and quantity of fixtures being installed

**ELECTRICAL**

Sheet #	<i>Service Equipment and Panels:</i>
	1. Provide NEC-compliant load calculations for feeders and service including demands per Art. 220 NEC.
	2. Provide panel schedules with branch circuit numbers, breaker size, load descriptions, poles, loads per pole in KVA, voltage, AIC rating, available short circuit current.
	3. Location, size and capacity of service, metering equipment, include complete riser to the service point with all panels, conductors and conduit sizes with grounding details, include bonding of service per Art. 250.92.
	<b><i>Lighting and Power Plans:</i></b>
	4. Floor plans showing light fixture layouts, receptacle locations, and branch circuits; include exit/emergency lighting showing compliance with IBC Section 1008 and 700.12(F) & 700.16 NEC.
	5. Provide an electrical site plan for site/parking lot lighting and a copy of the associated civil site lighting plan.
	6. Provide pole base detail for lights over 30' above grade.
	7. Light fixture schedule including fixture input power.
	8. Show that branch circuits are numbered, identified in the panel schedule and on the floor plans; show wiring methods
	9. Provide listing details showing that electrical equipment penetrating rated assemblies are listed for that specific design number.
	10. Indicate equipment is suitable for the installation environment to include temperature rating.
	<b><i>Mechanical Equipment, Motors, etc:</i></b>
	11. Provide details for all equipment wiring, overcurrent protection, disconnection means, and specifications.
	12. Show that branch circuits are numbered, identified in the panel schedule and on the floor plans; show wiring methods.
	<b><i>International Energy Conservation Code:</i></b>
	13. Construction documents shall be submitted per VUSBC 109. Note: Energy compliance for all disciplines must use the same standard, IECC or ASHRAE.
	14. Provide documents with calculations to show compliance with IECC/ASHRAE for lighting power for interior & exterior lighting.
	15. Show lighting controls / switching per IECC/ASHRAE.
	<b><i>Hazardous Locations:</i></b>
	16. Identify and delineate all Hazardous/Classified Locations on the construction documents per NEC Article 500.4(A) and 500.5.